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*By Electronic Mail*

David Chiu, President  
City Hall, Room 244  
1 Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.  
San Francisco 94102

Dear President Chiu:

Thank you very much for your recent request to the Mayor's Office and the Port of San Francisco to outreach to neighborhood organizations and share specific details about the potential plan to move America's Cup event activities to the northeastern waterfront.

The Telegraph Hill Dwellers strongly supports smart use and appropriate development on San Francisco's waterfront. As you know, THD has a long history of advocating for projects that open the publicly-owned waterfront to the public and advocating against non-waterfront-oriented projects that would hurt the unique character of San Francisco's historic waterfront.

THD strongly supports the concept of bringing the America's Cup to San Francisco's northeastern waterfront so that our historic piers can be used by the public to view the event free of charge. It is important that any potential plans take into account the historic and protected nature of Piers 27-29. The America's Cup is a classic example of a spectacular event that can draw people to the waterfront for a maritime-oriented use that could not happen anywhere else in the City.

THD shares the serious concerns recently raised by City Budget Analyst Harvey Rose about the financial costs to taxpayers of the proposed deal and unnecessary giveaways of public land. However, we are hopeful that the America's Cup will make it to San Francisco's northeastern waterfront.

If done right, the America's Cup will be a terrific way for San Francisco to share the unique and historic waterfront that we love with the rest of the world.

Sincerely,

Vedica Puri  
President

